

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 11-14, 21, 23, 28, 29, 39, and 40 are amended as follows. Claims 10 and 21-23 are canceled. No new matter has been added. Particularly, claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 22. Claim 1 is also amended to include features from claim 11 and to be consistent with language recited in allowed claim 24. Claim 11 is amended to be consistent with changes made to claim 1 and to be consistent with language recited in allowed claim 24. Claims 12-14 are editorially amended to be consistent with changes made to claim 1. Claim 28 is editorially amended. Claim 29 is amended to be consistent with changes made to claim 28. Claims 39 and 40 are amended to be consistent with language recited in allowed claim 24.

Claims 1-3, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Aoyama et al. (US 2005/0058028) in view of Sugaya et al. (US 5,602,825). The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 22. Applicants do concede the correctness of the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

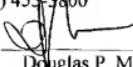
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If any questions arise regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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